1	2	3	4	5
SYnthetic Rutile Plant, (OSCOM) Chatrapur				
1993-94	Syn.Rutile	100000	2518	3
1994-95	Syn.Rutile	100000	5010	5
1995-96	Syn.Rutile	100000	6318	6
Rare Earths Plant, Alwaye				
1993-94	Monazite Processing	4200	3716	88
1994-95	-do-	4200	3932	94
1995-96	-do-	4200	3228	77

Note : Capacity of the plant is fixed with reference to Ilmenite Synthetic Rutile, Monazite Processing as the case may be.

Recruitment to Group-A Services

144. SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether recruitment to many group-A organised services is being done through Civil Services Examination and Combined Engineering Services Examination, conducted by UPSC and their seniority is maintained throughout their service;

(b) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the guidelines proposed to be set up to maintain the seniority among group-A organised services?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI S.R. BALASUBRAMONIYAN) : (a) to (c). At present recruitment to specified Group 'A' Organised Services is being done through Civil Services Examination and Combined Engineering Services Examination conducted by UPSC. Depending upon their position in the merit list and the option exercised by them, selected candidates are allocated to various Group 'A' Organised Services. However, seniority of the candidates selected is not always maintained through out their service as per the merit position at the time of initial recruitment. This is because the service rules of various organised services contain a provision relating to maintenance of the seniority of officers belonging to that service. Normally, such provision is to determine their seniority in accordance with the general instructions on the subject issued by the Department of Personnel and Training (DOPT). According to the general instructions Issued by DOPT, seniority of a direct recruit to a post is determined by the order of merit indicated at the time of his initial appointment and his seniority is re-fixed on promotion in the order in which he is recommended for such promotion by Departmental Promotion Committee. Seniority of an officer allocated to a particular Group 'A' service is determined in a particular post with reference to other officers holding the same post in the same service and it is neither necessary nor possible to maintain his seniority with reference to officers in various other services as per their merit position in the Civil Services Examination/Combined Engineering Services Examination at the time of their initial recruitment as promotional avenues are available within each organised service and officers of each organised service are governed by the service rules applicable to the organised service to which they belong.

Urban Development Projects of Bihar

145. SHRI TARIQ ANWAR : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) the details of the Urban Development Projects of Bihar pending with the Union Government for the last three years; and

(b) the steps taken in this regard so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (DR. U. VENKATESWARLU) : (a) Urban Development Projects in towns and cities having population upto 5 lacs are supported under the Centrally sponsored Scheme of Integrated Development of Small and Medium Towns (IDSMT). Under IDSMT, no Urban Development Projects of Bihar which conform to IDSMT guidelines are pending with Government of India, for the past three years.

(b) Does not arise.

Crude Oil Refineries

146. SHRI K.P. SINGH DEO : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have granted licences to some Public Sector Oil Companies to set up crude oil refineries in the country;